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DECLINE IN GROWTH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the labour force is increasing at a fast pace than the economy`s current ability to provide gainful employment opportunities;

(b) if so, whether the employment growth rate is declining;

(c) if so, the present employment growth rate as compared to early 90s.

(d) whether the government has conducted any review to find out the causes of increasing unemployment or underemployment trend in the country; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and the strategies being initiated by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b & c) Growth rate of employment during 1994-2000 was around 0.98% per annum as compared to 2.43% per annum during 1988-1994.

(d & e) Employment and unemployment situation in the country was reviewed by the Special Group set up by the Planning Commission for targeting around 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan Period. The strategy adopted includes the following:

- 8% growth of Gross Domestic Product.
- Special employment generation programmes.
- Special emphasis on agriculture, irrigation, agro-forestry, small and medium enterprises,information communication technology, tourism and other services.